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Marginal Column

By NORA BELOFF

IF it is true, as orators often proclaim, that the United Nations is "the conscience of the world," then the world should be spending a very conscience-stricken Christmas holiday. The General Assembly is now halfway through its annual session, and besides a vast mass of procedure and administrative detail, has formally passed five resolutions which ought to have major international significance. Of these five, four seemed to have no prospect at all of being put into practice and one, on the unity of Germany, very little.

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ATTENTION was focused first on disarmament. The Assembly resolved to entrust a disarmament commission with the task of preparing measures for international inspection and control of national armies and armaments. This, the majority concedes, is the essential preliminary to reducing "conventional" arms and abolishing the atom-bomb altogether. As everyone knows, however, and as the Russians publicly proclaim, no foreign controllers or inspectors will be given freedom to roam over Russia. Judging from what the Soviet delegates have been saying about the imperialist and aggressive intentions of the non-Communist world, it would be highly unrealistic to expect them to open their frontiers to those they regard as the enemy. Because of the impractical nature of the proposals in the present-day world, a number of countries who would have lifted internationally-controlled disarmament declined to vote for the Western programme. Abstainers included the bulk of the Asiatic and Middle Eastern countries who are showing themselves increasingly inclined to adopt a "plague on both your houses" neutralism in the East-West cold war.

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THE second major item was Germany, and a stout majority approved the resolution for sending a U.N. delegation to find out whether conditions in the two zones make free elections for a united German Parliament possible. The representatives of the East Zone indicated their hostility, and as the only Eastern European candidate for the proposed commission, Poland, refused point blank to serve in it, it seems probable — though not yet certain — that the Russians will not allow the commission into their part of Germany. As the inspection is to be held either in both zones or neither, it therefore seems probable that it will not be held at all.

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YUGOSLAVIA figures high on the agenda, with its complaint against the Eastern bloc for unprovoked diplomatic, political and economic hostility endangering world peace. Almost unanimously the rest of the U.N. approved the discreetly-worded resolution urging the countries concerned to observe the Charter and follow normal diplomatic procedure. But certainly no-one would be more astounded than the Yugoslav leaders themselves if the Eastern bloc paid the slightest attention.

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THE underprivileged and poor areas of the world may attach more importance to an economic resolution which calls for the immediate study favouring the establishment of a United Nations international development fund. Here again, however, there is no hope of practical performance: the only conceivable contributor to such an operation could be the United States, who voted against the proposal and solemnly announced they would not "pick up the check."

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FINALLY, the U.N. took prompt action on the question of the future of the formerly mandated territory of South-West Africa. A resolution called on the administering power, the Union of South Africa, to establish a trusteeship under U.N. supervision, and meanwhile to negotiate with United Nations delegates on the political future of the area. The Union normally disregards U.N. resolutions on this subject but this year it went one stage further and had its delegates demonstrate contempt by walking out of the Trusteeship Committee and the plenary Assembly altogether.

Paris, December 26.

Flood Victims Returning To Damaged Homes

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — All of the residents of the Petah Tikva *ma'bara* who had been evacuated because of the floods will have returned home by tomorrow. Several hundred returned today. In Tel Aviv, a number of families have returned to their homes in the Hatikva, Montefiore and Ezra quarters, against the advice of the Municipal Council.

The Council wishes to carry out an extensive inspection of the area before permitting anyone to return.

A squad of engineers from the Municipal Engineering Department is now examining all buildings affected by the floods. So far no dangerous houses have been found. The inspection will continue tomorrow.

The Municipal Welfare Department announced here today that it was still catering for 2,500 evacuees, half of them children. Over 7,000 items of clothing have been issued. The floods are reported to have caused no loss of life in the Tel Aviv-Jaffa area. Several expectant mothers were rushed from flooded areas to hospitals, where healthy babies were born.

Many houses in the Tel Aviv-Jaffa District, in addition to those quarters directly affected, were still flooded or surrounded by flood waters today. These included "luxury flats" in the north of the city. Fire Brigade officials say that they cannot help drain off the water, as five of their pumps, all old models suitable only for pumping clean water, have been put out of action.

Hadera Bridge

Army engineers today contemplated construction of a "Bailey bridge" over the old bridge on the main road connecting Hadera with the railway station. Traffic, which had been stopped even after the flood waters receded when a pillar of the stone bridge was found to be unsafe, has now been resumed.

In Ramle today, the Municipal Council began clearing household effects from a number of houses near the railroad, still flooded to a depth of up to two metres. The Army put boats at the disposal of the Municipality for this purpose. Settlements in the Lydda area, still cut off by surrounding waters, were supplied with food by boats again today.

Elath remains inaccessible to air traffic. An Arkia aircraft flew down from Lydda yesterday but was forced to return, as it could not land because of weather conditions. Yesterday, 5.5mm. of rain fell in Elath. This is about a third of the normal average for a whole year.

RELIEF BUDGET

Mr. A. Govrin, representing the Knesset Committees of Labour and Public Services, appeared yesterday before the Finance Committee and presented the request to allocate IL.3m. to the Finance Ministry to be used for aid to the flood victims.

The Finance Committee yesterday finished its reading of the income and expenditures section of the 1951-52 budget, and has started its discussion of the Development Budget. The Committees of Labour and Economics have been invited to participate in the budget discussions.

Dwellers of Ma'bara Demand Wooden Huts

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — More than 100 inhabitants of the Hirtya *Ma'bara* near Rehovot demonstrated outside the Jewish Agency building here this morning, demanding the erection of wooden huts in place of their canvas huts and tents. The demonstrators arrived on foot, marching through Allenby Road, led by a cart, bearing a torn canvas hut with a banner reading:

We are citizens of Israel; and these are our houses. If we have to stay in such houses we shall die.

A large crowd of bystanders gathered, and steel helmeted police arrived, keeping the demonstrators away from the entrance of the building. The delegation, which was finally permitted to enter the building, was, however, not received by Agency officials.

The Agency Absorption Department announced tonight that they could not "negotiate with youngsters who should be out at their *ma'baras*, helping the hundreds of volunteers from Tel Aviv who had gone to work and help, in rain and floods. A delegation will, however, be received at the proper time."

One Hitch Only In Korea Talks

TOKYO, Tuesday (Reuter).—Peking Radio said today that the Allied demand for inspection of the whole of North Korea to prevent building and rehabilitation of airfields during an armistice was the only vital question preventing solution in the Korean cease-fire talks.

At the same time, the radio said important questions in the negotiations were on the point of being settled.

Meanwhile, at today's meeting of the prisoners of war subcommittee the U.N. charged the Communists with taking Allied prisoners out of Korea and into China.

Brigadier-General William Nuckols, U.N. briefing officer, said after the meeting that the Communists' only reply was to repeat statements about their "revolutionary policy of reeducating prisoners and releasing them at the front."

Scoff at Suggestion

He said the Communists scoffed at an Allied suggestion that a "sizeable block" of 50,000 missing men might be accounted for by restoring impressed soldiers to prisoner of war status. Reference was to South Korean prisoners which the Communists are reported to have pressed into their fighting forces.

Gen. Nuckols said Maj.-Gen. Lee Sang Cho of North Korea answered the charge with the statement that "you are just starting false rumours and making copy for newspapers. We have released many prisoners who have gone home and who do not want you to worry about them."

After today's Panmunjom meeting of the armistice supervision subcommittee, the U.N. reported that the Communist delegates said they had no intention of building up air capabilities during a truce.

The U.N. asked for this assurance in writing, but Chinese General Hsieh said he had no authority to put it in writing.

Before this meeting, the U.N. said the subcommittee was still deadlocked over the Communist demand for unlimited airfield construction and their opposition to aerial observation during an armistice.

The prisoners of war committee had still not settled differences over the prisoners' lists supplied last week. Each side has charged the other that its explanation of names alleged to be missing from the lists was wholly unsatisfactory.

There was no confirmation today of yesterday's persistent reports that the 30-day battle-line "freeze" would be extended beyond the December 27 deadline.

Light Contact

There was only light contact along the fighting fronts today, as rain and driving sleet swept battle-line positions. Allied warships shelled Hungnam yesterday and others attacked Communist truck convoys, gun positions, observation posts and road junctions in and around Wonsan, and west of Chinnampo.

Superfortresses made night raids on Hungnam barracks, the Taechong airfield and the Sinanju railway bridge. Pilots reported heavy ground fire, but no hits.

On the Allied side, a rotation system between front and rear areas allowed soldiers to celebrate Christmas. U.N. troops took their tinsel and streamers as close to the front as possible.

Plane Sticks in Mud At Lydda Airport

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday (ITIM). — A B.O.A.C. four-engined plane, with 32 passengers aboard, overran the runway when landing here early today, and became stuck in the mud.

No one was hurt. The passengers left the aircraft about a kilometre from the main building, to which they were taken by car.

Several efforts to pull the plane out of the mud by tractor were made during the day, but it was only at about 9 o'clock this evening that sufficiently strong machines could be obtained to finish the job.

The aircraft is expected to continue on its flight to Teheran tomorrow morning.

$250,000 Appeal For Israel Flood Victims

NEW YORK, Tuesday (INA). — The Histadrut Campaign headquarters here issued an appeal today for the collection of $250,000 to help Israel's flood victims.

The appeal was issued after the receipt of a cable from the Histadrut in Tel Aviv, reporting on aid given to flood sufferers by Histadrut institutions.

Europe's Xmas Celebrations Kept Indoors by Bad Weather

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — Christmas Day throughout Western Europe was quiet and the weather generally unseasonable. There was no important news from any centres and with rain and fog taking the place of the traditional frost and snow, most celebrations were indoors.

Berlin: Stormy, south-westerly winds and a temperature about 11 degrees Fahrenheit above freezing gave the city its dullest Christmas for several years.

Frankfort: Overcast skies with rain covered a big part of Western Germany. There was one consolation—the rain drove away most of the fog which hung over the country for nearly a fortnight.

Vienna: Grey and dismal, with a thin layer of ice covering the roads. First-aid workers were kept busy helping people hurt in accidents in the slippery cobbled streets.

At Christkind Unterhimmel, Austrian village with the name meaning "Christ Child Under Heaven," there was the usual flood of mail today. Sent for forwarding by people over the world who want their letters postmarked with the village's name. The Post Office opens only at Christmas, especially for this mail, and the staff have been working since midnight for several days.

Paris: Tallest story of the day came from V camp, on the Channel coast, where revellers after Christmas Eve celebrations reported chasing a wild bear outside the Casino. The bear made for the sea and was last seen swimming across the Channel, according to the France Presse Agency.

Rome: Millions of Italians stayed in bed late today to recover from the traditional Christmas feast which followed Midnight Mass last night.

Pope Pius, XII, after celebrating a special Midnight Mass broadcast to Catholics throughout the world, said two private Masses this morning in the little chapel attached to this Vatican apartment.

Moscow: Unseasonably warm, with grey overcast skies. The visiting Bishop of Fulham, the Right Reverend George Ingle, conducted a morning service for Anglicans, while for Roman Catholics, Midnight Mass was said by Father John Brasard, resident American Catholic Priest in the diplomatic colony.

4 Ministers Confer As Horowitz Returns

Within an hour after the arrival of the Director-General of the Ministry of Finance, Mr. David Horowitz, from his short visit to the United States, a special conference of four ministers was convened at the Ministry of Finance in Jerusalem yesterday.

The Finance Minister, the Minister of Commerce and Industry, the Minister of Agriculture and Development, and Minister without Portfolio, Mr. Peretz Naphtali, met together with five top-ranking officials of their ministries to hear Mr. Horowitz's report. They discussed the position of the public debt in hard currency and touched upon certain aspects of the American Grant-in-Aid. Ministry of Finance sources stated that the conference had not been convened urgently, but that it had been planned in advance of Mr. Horowitz's arrival.

Reports that Mr. Horowitz, during his stop-over in Paris, had met and discussed with representatives of the West German Government the question of reparations from Germany were emphatically denied.

Nationalist China May Oust Vice-President

TAIPEH, FORMOSA, Tuesday (AP). — The National Assembly today decided in principle that General Li Tsung-jen should be ousted from the Vice-Presidency of Nationalist China.

The Assembly lacked a quorum and so was unable to take legal action. It decided, however, to gather evidence to support charges of dereliction of duty.

Li went to the U.S. for medical treatment shortly before the fall of China to the Communists, and did not return to Formosa. He said in New York recently he would return and wrest power from Chiang Kai-shek.

Public Drive In U.S. Opened To Free Airmen

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (Reuters) — American newspapers and individuals, in the absence of a Government decision today, began to raise the $30,000 in fines imposed by a Hungarian Peoples Court against each of the four U.S. airmen forced down there on November 19.

Majority sentiment in the Government appeared against the U.S. paying the fines but no final decision has been made. Yesterday members of both Parties in the Senate and House denounced them as "blood money," "ransom" and "blackmail."

The alternative to buying the fliers' release was a three-month jail term for each.

State Department and Defence officials wrestled with the "pay or not to pay" question most of yesterday to shape recommendations for consideration by Mr. Dean Acheson. He is expected to confer by telephone with President Truman at Independence, Missouri, before taking any action.

Meanwhile, the Wichita, Kansas, "Beacon" opened a public drive yesterday to "obtain freedom for the four," and started it with its own $1,500 contribution.

Friends of two of the men, Captain Dave H. Henderson and Sergeant James A. Elam, have started funds today to pay their fines. The other two airmen were Captain John H. Swift and Sergeant Jess A. Duff.

President Truman himself noted how helpless the U.S. was to retaliate effectively against the court's decision. Discussing the airmen's plight with reporters yesterday before leaving by air on his holiday, he asked solemnly: "What can you do?"

Regardless of the stand taken, the episode brought the Administration one of its most painful dilemmas since last April, when a series of concessions were granted to Hungary to free an American businessman, Mr. Robert A. Vogeler, from a Budapest prison. He had served 17 months after being found guilty of "spying."

Pinkas Discusses Negev Railway

NEW YORK, Tuesday (AFP). — During his stay in the U.S., Mr. David Pinkas, Israel Minister of Communications, conferred with U.S. manufacturers regarding special equipment needed by Israel for the construction of 300 kilometres of railroads in the Negev, as well as other roadbuilding plans.

Mr. Pinkas left by air on Sunday for Israel, via Amsterdam.

Toys and Sweets For Child Patients

Toys and sweets from The Jerusalem Post-Saad campaign brightened the Hanukka party of 170 boy and girl patients at an Army camp in Jerusalem last night.

The children, from dozens of ma'barot as far north as Hanita and as far south as Julis — and before that from India, Iraq, Morocco, Persia and the Yemen — are all taking an eight-week course of treatment at special wards in the camp. Wearing floppy cloth hats or gay kerchiefs because of the treatment for ringworm, the children put on a bright Hanukka play during which they lit the candles, and then cheered as the toys were displayed.

Because the children are transitory visitors, and there will be others to follow them, the toys and games are being put in the common room. However, there was a generous packet of sweets for each child. Led by Hen girls on reserve duty, the children spent a gay evening dancing and playing.

Yesterday's receipts for the toy campaign brought the total to IL.8,487.518.

POTASH TEMPORARY BOARD NAMED

The Government yesterday named its three representatives to the temporary five-man board of directors which will direct the affairs of Dead Sea works. The Palestine Potash Company will appoint the other two directors.

The Government's representatives will be: Mr. Pinhas Saphir, Director of Development of the Ministry of Agriculture and Development; Rav Aluf Yaakov Dori, President of the Technion and head of the Scientific Division of the Prime Minister's Office; and Mr. A. Zipstein, former manager of the Tel Aviv port; with Mr. A. Nov, of the Ministry of Agriculture and Development, as an alternate.

Palestine Potash, Ltd., is expected to appoint Mr. M. Novomeysky, Managing Director, and Mr. A. Citron, General Manager, as its representatives.

Cairo Report Hints At Throne-Wafd Split

Farouk Makes New Appointment

CAIRO, Tuesday. — Persistent reports in newspaper and political circles here that the Wafdist Government of Premier Nahas Pasha had resigned were officially denied tonight by the Premier's Secretary. Ahmed el-Shafie. Earlier, a spokesman for Palace and Government circles declined to confirm or deny the report.

King Farouk last night appointed Dr. Hafez Afifi Pasha as a chief of the Royal Egyptian Cabinet, a key Palace post which has been vacant more than 18 months since the resignation of ex-Premier Hussein Sirry Pasha.

Dr. Hafez Afifi is the chairman of the Misr Bank and a former Ambassador to London. He held the Foreign Affairs portfolio in 1928, and was a member of the Egyptian delegation which signed the 1936 treaty, recently abrogated by Egypt. He was at one time the President of the U.N. Security Council.

A few months ago he stated that the 1936 treaty was an important step toward Egypt's independence, and counselled a settlement of Anglo-Egyptian problems by common agreement.

Meanwhile, it was announced that King Farouk has ordered the appointment of Abdel Fattah Amr Pasha as Royal Adviser on Foreign Affairs during his stay in Cairo. Amr Pasha was recalled by the Wafd government recently from his post as Ambassador to London in protest against British "aggression" in the Canal Zone.

Accused by Wafdists

The Wafdists have accused Hafez Afifi of advocating a settlement with Britain on the Suez and Sudan issues, and his appointment was interpreted as a blow at the Wafdist Government.

Western observers believe he advocates an understanding with the Western powers in the face of Communism.

Egyptian circles have in general interpreted his appointment by King Farouk as heralding a sharp shift in policy towards an agreement with the West.

However, a press conference called by Hafez Afifi today indicated nothing to support the Wafdist resignation report. Editors who attended said he thanked the King for the confidence shown in him, invoked the help of Allah to obtain the "country's independence and the return of the Sudan to its Fatherland under the Egyptian crown" and urged the cooperation of all Egyptians in this critical situation."

Meanwhile, Dr. Salah el-Din Pasha, Egypt's Foreign Minister, arrived in Rome yesterday on vacation during the U.N. General Assembly's recess. He will conduct talks on Egyptian-Italian affairs, it was reported.

Report on Talks

The newspaper "Al Mokattam" last night published the "conclusions" arrived at between Mr. Anthony Eden and Mohammed Salah el-Din Pasha during their recent meeting in Paris.

Britain, according to the paper's report, would be willing to consider the evacuation of its troops from the Suez Canal Zone, providing Egypt agrees to have her military forces trained by British technicians and experts, undertakes to maintain military bases in their present condition and approves the principle of common defence in the Middle East.

The evacuation of British forces would be achieved in a period of two years, a delay considered necessary for the installation of British bases in the Gaza strip.

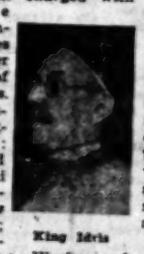
In exchange, Great Britain would also recognize the principle of Sudanese self-determination, through a U.N.-controlled plebiscite.

(AP, AFP)

Libya Cabinet Announced

BENGHAZI, Tuesday (Reuter).—Cabinet appointments in the new Libyan Government, whose independence was proclaimed yesterday, were announced today.

Mahmoud Bey Muntasser, who had been charged with forming the first Government, becomes Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs.



King Idris

Other Ministerial appointments were: Education and Justice: Fathi Kekhia; Finance: Mansour Ben Kadara; Health: Mahmoud Othman; Works and Communications: Ibrahim Shatzban; Defence: Ali Bey Jerbi.

Cabinet Line-up

The Cabinet consists of three Tripolitanians, two Cyrenaicans and one Minister from Fezzan.

Sir Alec Kirkbride, the British Minister, was the first diplomat to present his credentials today to the first King of the united Libya, Sayid Idris e-Senussi.

The Iraq Government has decided to recognize the new independent state of Libya, Khalil Ibrahim, Director General of Propaganda, announced in Baghdad today. Regent Emir Abdul Illah and Premier Nuri e-Said have sent messages of congratulations to King Idris. Lebanon has also recognized the new Libya.

Announcing to the world the birth of the eighth Arab League member state, Azzam Pasha, Secretary-General of the Arab League, told correspondents that this was a happy day for the Arab world.

Applies to U.N.

PARIS, Tuesday (Reuter). — Mahmoud Bey Muntasser, Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of the first all-Libyan Federal Government, has applied for membership of the U.N.

New French Resident For Tunisia

PARIS, Tuesday (UP).—The French Government has appointed Count Jean de Hauteclocque, at present French Ambassador in Belgium, to replace the French Resident in Tunisia, M. Louis Perillier. The change was agreed on during a Cabinet meeting yesterday.

An announcement said that M. Perillier, whose present post is to terminate with the end of the year, would be appointed to another post.

Minor Incidents In Suez Canal Zone

ISMAILIA, Tuesday (Reuter). — Christmas Day was quiet in the Suez Canal Zone, with only minor incidents reported since Sunday.

Two Egyptians fired from a car on a Timsah ordnance sub-depot and on an artillery camp just south of Ismailia this morning, but no casualties were reported, an official spokesman said. The car was seen returning to Ismailia by a roundabout route.

A bomb exploded last night within the perimeter wire of the water filtration plant near Suez, but no casualties or damage were reported, the spokesman said. Two Sten gun shots were fired.

A Royal Air Force ambulance carrying patients to Moascar near Ismailia was fired on West of the town last night, but there were no casualties.

R.A.F. Car Fired On

The spokesman said a Royal Air Force police car was fired on in the Y.M.C.A. Bridge area, where an all-night curfew is now in operation. The spokesman said the shots "seemed to come from the mosque on the Quai Mohammed Ali." The fire was not returned and there were no casualties.

The special investigation branch, he added, was making an inquiry into the incident early yesterday afternoon at El Firdan, on the Road from Ismailia to Port Said, when a bullet grazed the left arm of an airman guard.

An army spokesman said there had been no significant change in the situation. Sentries were warned to maintain a special alertness last night in case terrorists attacked, thinking to catch the British unawares during Christmas celebrations.

Heavy guards were posted in the area of the Suez bridge in Ismailia's main trouble spot, where there had been rumours of an impending attack. Stray shots were heard during the night in the area, but there was no serious incident.

Mayer Sues French Fascist Paper's Anti-Semitic Attack

By Maurice Carr, POST Correspondent

PARIS, Tuesday.—M. Rene Mayer, Minister of Finance who is related to the Rothschild family, has started libel proceedings against the Royalist-Fascist weekly, "Aspects de la France," whose Christmas number carries a venomous anti-Semitic attack.

The article was printed under a streamer headline across the entire front page: "Republican Christmas: the Foreigner Rothschild-Mayer Places Frenchmen on Straw Diet."

With a brazenness exceeding anything witnessed since the end of World War II, the Fascist paper—on sale at news kiosks throughout France — supplants the Christmas spirit of peace and good-will with a pathological Auschwitz spirit of strike and racial hatred.

M. Rene Mayer

Another Nazi Sheet

The editorial writer of the blatantly neo-Nazi weekly, the "Rivarol," also on sale throughout France, writes: "I dare say Christmas, 1951 will be less sad than Christmas, 1950 because the "Rivarol" exists and because our existence proves at least one thing: there is no sorrow which does not end, no sore which does not heal, no defeat which cannot be surmounted, no tasks impossible of consummation as long as the heart remains hopeful."

Entering the new year with the biggest Fascist press in Europe, comprising a dozen periodicals, French neo-Nazis and professional anti-Semites, after only six years of an apparently crushing defeat, may well be jubilant.

By Arrangement with The Jewish Chronicle, London.

French Lose Vital Indo-China Height

SAIGON, Tuesday (AP). — Powerful forces of Communist-led Vietminh troops have crossed the Black River and installed themselves again on Mount Bavi, 22 miles north of the fortress of Hoa Binh, a French military spokesman said today.

The Vietminh force, it was added, consisted of "at least two regiments." Lively fighting was reported north and south of the post of Da Chong, on the Black River, at points where the Vietminh had crossed.

Occupation of Mount Bavi, which dominates the Black River, allows the Vietminh to interfere with French river patrol boats, besides isolating the three bridgeheads which the French had set up in Vietminh territory on the western bank.

The Vietminh attacked Hoa Binh with two divisions two weeks ago, seizing Mount Bavi, within the French lines. It took a week of hard fighting for the French to get the height back. Now the Vietminh troops have again captured it.

No World Bank Control For Oil, Persians Say

TEHERAN, Tuesday (UP). — Persia's oil expert, Kazem Hassibi, told newspapermen yesterday that his country would not accept the World Bank's proposed control of her oil industry. He said that the Bank should offer to buy at least 500,000 tons of oil per month "with no strings attached."

Persia yesterday also recalled three Ambassadors and one Minister believed to be out of favour with Premier Mossadegh's regime. They were the Ambassadors to Britain, Italy and India, and the Minister to Belgium. Another 22 Embassy and Legation officials at these posts were also recalled.

Delivery of The Jerusalem Post to subscribers has been disrupted for the past three days as a result of the bad weather conditions. All necessary steps have been taken to ensure regular delivery of the paper as of today. We sincerely regret the inconvenience caused our readers.

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Social & Personal

Chief Rabbi I. H. Herzog visited settlements in the Beersheba and Migdal Ascalon area yesterday. At Migdal Ascalon a special session of the Local Council was convened in his honour.

Mr. Zemah (Cecil) Hyman, Economic Counsellor at the Israel Embassy in Washington, is expected to return to Israel early next month before leaving for Pretoria to become Israel's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to South Africa.

Mr. Eliahu Dobkin, Dr. Arthur Hantke, and Mr. Zvi Herman were recently appointed joint chairmen of the Keren Hayesod Executive. Other members of the executive are: Messrs. Y.K. Blumenfeld, H. Goldenberg, J. Weiss, A. Eisling, I. Ritov, and B. Zuckerman, and Drs A. Barth, I. Goldstein, A. Granott, G. Halpern, Y. Wolfeberg, and Emanuel Neumann.

Mr. Morris Boukstein, Legal Adviser to the Jewish Agency in New York, left for the U.S. yesterday after having participated in discussions with the Government on the granting of legal status to the Zionist Movement. He had lectured on legal aspects of the problem to the Jewish Agency Executive's meeting on Monday. Mr. Boukstein will step off in Germany, where he will deal with the return of Jewish property.

Mr. Ya'acov Bar Ze'ev, District Attorney of Galilee District, and Mr. Eliahu Zussman, District Attorney of Samaria and Nathanya, have been appointed Magistrates by Dr. Dov Joseph, the Minister of Justice.

The annual national conference of Chemical Engineers opened at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem last night. The conference will continue today and tomorrow and will be devoted mainly to lectures on recent research by Israel chemists in the fields of organic, inorganic, physical and bio-chemistry.

The Information Services exhibition, "Exile to Redemption," which depicts pictorially the "Flying Carpet" immigration from Yemen, will be opened today in Acre by Mayor Baruch Nov.

A reception for lawyers and engineers will take place under the auspices of the Binyanei Ha'ooma Association tomorrow afternoon (December 27) at 5.30 at the Israel Touring Club, Talbieh, Jerusalem. A reception for physicians, under the auspices of the Binyanei Ha'ooma Association, will take place at 8.30 tonight at the Israel Touring Club, Talbieh, Jerusalem. All doctors are welcomed.

BIRTH

BUSTIN — To Hannah (née Feibelmann), wife of Dr. Dan Ernst Bustin, at the Sarafand Government Hospital, on Monday, December 24 — a son.

ON THE AIR

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6, 9.30 and 11.00 p.m.; English: 2 and 9.30 p.m.; Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 and 7.15 p.m.; French: 5 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.45 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.35 Melodies. 7.45 Oriental Music: E. Aharon. 8.30 Close Down.

10.30 a.m. Morning Concert (R). 10.50 Piano Duets (R). 10.45 Southern Rhythm (R). 11.00 Concert Hall: "Susanna's Secret" (Ferrari); Piano Concerto (Martucci); Rondo Arlechinesco (Busoni); "Serenatas" (Revueltas). 12.00 Short Break for Music (R). 12.20 Programme for Working Women. 12.30 Programme for Hospitals. 1.00 Soldiers' Programme. (R). 1.45 Housewives' Corner. 2.15 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Dance Music (R). 4.30 Chess Corner. 4.45 Popular Instruments: Emanuel Zamir & Ya'acov Raben. 5.00 Programme for Youth. 5.30 Violin Recital: Baruch Liftman. 6.15 Sports. 6.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Popular Education. 7.45 Bible Reading. 8.00 Kindling of the Lights. 8.04 Soldiers' Programme. 8.45 "Ministers' Talks." 9.00 Members of the Kol Yisrael Orchestra: Chamber Music Trio on Jewish Folktunes (Weinberg); Children's Suite for Children's Hour. 7.00 Popular Education; Strings Qdartet & Piano (Achron). 9.45 Kol Yisrael Choir & Members of Kol Yisrael Orchestra, Conductor: Max Lampel; Soloists: Hanna Avdori & Sara Patschaff: "Psalms" (Marcello & Rossi). 10.15 Cantoral Requests.

ARMY PROGRAMMES (250, 275 & 44.6 M.): 6.30 p.m. Programme Announcements. 6.35 Programme by T. Hatalgi. 6.45 Melodies. 6.45 Tomorrow's "Bamahane." 7.00 Andre Kostelanez & his Orchestra. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 Songs. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.30 News. 9.00 Concert. 10.00 Close.

Where to Go

JERUSALEM

9-1; 2-5: Exhibition of oil paintings by van Haardt, Paris. Exhibit of the Month: Jewish Bronze Lamps, 3rd cent. Rockefeller Museum.

11.30-12.30: Film Shows of Israel: Keren Hayesod Head Office.

TEL AVIV

5 p.m.: Opening — exhibition of paintings and pastels of Blanka Tauber and sculpture by Kosso Eloul; Tel Aviv Museum.

6 p.m. "Queen of Sheba"; Chamber Theatre; Mograbi Hall.

7 & 9.45 p.m.: George Val presents "Li-La-Lo News" by Lea Grunberg; Yasha Haifetz Hall.

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WAGE ISSUE IS NOW CRITICAL

POST Labour Correspondent

ONLY a few weeks separate us from that fateful day when the new wage agreements between the Histadrut and the Manufacturers' Association are to be signed. This year, these agreements will be of even greater importance for the economy as a whole than they were in the past. The month of January will show us whether we shall be able to cling to "slow inflation" or whether we shall enter a period of galloping inflation bringing untold misery to the country. We now know that it will be impossible to break inflation by swamping the market with additional goods. Even if the slogan of increased output is carried through, current shortages will only be covered at a pinch.

The Treasury wants to meet this emergency by stopping the inflow of more money, i.e. not printing additional notes. But this is only one chapter of the story. If prices and wages are allowed to go up, the government will be forced sooner or later to set the printing presses in motion to enable the state to pay officials and finance vital services.

For many years workers in this country have been used to wage rises annually when new agreements came up for discussion. The process started in the boom of the war economy and has continued since. The wage-freeze attempted two years ago was broken last January. This year, however, the issues are even more complicated than usual. The workers rightly claim that the c.o.l. index does not mirror the position in the market because everything not rationed is becoming more expensive. During the past month official prices have risen. Some subsidies have been abolished or lowered and the budget of the lower income brackets is thrown into confusion. The onslaught on the present wage scale therefore comes from two sides.

World-Wide Inflation

Many people who arrive in Israel from abroad point out that prices in this country are far lower than elsewhere today. With inflation becoming a world-wide phenomenon due to rearmament, prices have risen globally. If, however, we are to adjust ourselves to world-market prices at the present juncture, the process will be more painful than ever. We have been living under the protection of powerful government subsidies, not only for essential foodstuffs but also for other goods thus kept at a low level.

The abolition or lowering of certain subsidies has made the index jump and added considerable sums to the overall wage picture. These additions in themselves will however not make for large-scale inflation. Once most of the subsidies have been abolished, wages will have become higher but will then once again acquire some stability. This is true, of course, only if raises remain pegged to the cost-of-living index. If, in addition, higher wages are demanded and granted and these are based on the general price level there will be no end to the inflationary spiral and its evils will begin to wind more rapidly.

A wage-freeze excepting adjustments based on the index — must mean greater hardship for the average worker. There is no escape from this axiom. *But these hardships stem not from the wage policy but from our economic position.* As long as we do not produce more, the bolstering of pay envelopes serves only to deceive the workers and the public in general about our position.

Mapam Opposition

Many people within the Histadrut understand this issue clearly. They are, however, prevented from following this line because Mapam and a considerable section of the workers oppose it. With tensions within the Histadrut as strong as they are, there will always be fear that opposition to wage-freezing will bring in its wake unauthorized strikes and social unrest. But no other policy seems feasible if run-away inflation is to be avoided. And run-away-inflation must, in the long run, undermine the very foundations of the working class. It suffices to study the history of some European countries during the last thirty years to understand the implications of such development. This can, today, still be halted if the Government and the leaders of the Histadrut join forces.

FROM YESTERDAY'S PRESS

Significance of Seamen's Struggle

Most of the newspapers commented yesterday on the end of the seamen's strike. No matter what the original cause of the strike, said "Ha'aretz" (Independent), it eventually became a struggle between two distinct political factions.

Until recently nobody would have imagined that a Zionist party would one day paralyse our merchant fleet as a political manoeuvre. This is an extremely dangerous development, the editorial said, and therefore the seamen's decision to return to work on condition that they not be punished, must be welcomed. Any other solution, "Ha'aretz" noted, would have increased the danger of anarchy.

The necessary inferences should be drawn by the Histadrut Executive and the Government. The seamen would not have struck for over 40 days, the paper asserted, unless they had been convinced of the justice of their cause. This time the Government preferred not to intervene, but in the future it cannot remain on the sidelines. The dispute would probably have ended in the same way much earlier, if the Government had intervened.

"The end of the strike means a temporary retreat", said "Kol Ha'am" (Communist), but the important thing is that it was an organized withdrawal, and the strike resulted in reaching a more advanced stage in the fight against the Government, whose public basis has been undermined.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) said that the seamen were returning "upright and with heads lifted. Not the seamen suffered a moral defeat, but rather the majority in the Histadrut Executive." The struggle has had wide repercussions here and abroad; and public opinion understood that it was not a localised trade union conflict but had much wider implications — a fight for the "soul of Israel and a workers' democracy". the paper said. "We may be proud of the striking seamen's stand and the solidarity revealed by the working class in general. Much lies ahead, and our faith in our fighting seamen has been renewed."

Defence Against Sabotage

"It is the Government's duty to defend the country against sabotage" said "Hatzofe" (Mizrahi) demanding speedy Government intervention in future emergencies. The seamen's strike caused much damage, but, the paper asserted, it also revealed Communist tactics in their struggle against the democratic regime of this country.

"Davar" (Histadrut) attacked the critics of Mr. McDaniel's mission from the left and right, and especially the attempts of "Ha'aretz" to "create an air of lack of faith between him and the Government." We have complete faith in the Government, the paper concluded, and in its ability to preserve our economic independence.

"Hatsofeh" (General Zionist) commented editorially on Ambassador Eban's important mission in the U.S., and concludes that he should receive Government assistance. Certain recent remarks by the Prime Minister have not helped him in his mission, the paper added.

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At the Cinema

JERUSALEM cinemas are marking Hanukka by a series of gay pictures, including two musicals with a similar angle—a comedy of errors. The first, Republic's "Hit Parade of 1951" (Edison), is composed of sketches and gags. John Carrol acts the double role, while the "Cuban fireball," Estelita Rodriguez, is not so hot. The supporting cast has Marie Mcdonald. The only outstanding acting is by Mikhail Rasumny.

Kaye Komedy

"ON the Riviera" (Zion), based on a play by Rudolph Lothar and Hans Adler, is a lavish Technicolor musical, and an uproariously funny vehicle for Danny Kaye. It is two hours of nonstop laughter. Danny Kaye is priceless as the marionette-like "Popo the Puppet." He is well supported by Corinne Calvet and Gene Tierney. The cast also has celebrated old-timers, such as Marcel Dalio and Jean Murat. There is exquisite choreography with a girl-show, and a cocktail of catchy tunes, including some nostalgic melodies. This is Kaye's best since "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty." *A must!*

Welcome Revival

KAUFMAN and Hart's Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy: "You Can't Take It With You" (Arnon), remembered in this country by the Chamber Theatre's production, is a revival of Frank Capra's capricious screen-production. The matchless cast includes James Stewart, Jean Arthur, Lionel Barrymore, Edward Arnold, Spring Byington. A welcome revival indeed.

Of Mice and Music

AN attractive double feature is presented at the Orion in Jerusalem. In "Fun and Fancy Free," Walt Disney takes a step backward to his earlier, less experimental "Bambi" and "Dumbo" days with two feature-length cartoons. The first concerns Bongo, a dancing bear, who, fed up with being a circus star, runs away into the woods where he meets surprises, romance (in the person of a glamorous little she-bear Lulubelle), and danger from villain Lumpjaw. In the second episode, in which Mickey plays Jack (with Goofy and Donald as his friends) a wonderful new character, Willie the Giant, is introduced in a special Disney version of Jack the Giant Killer. Also in this episode are Edgar Bergen and his famous wooden personalities, Charlie McCarthy and Mortimer Snerd, and delightful Dinah Shore.

The Disney is preceded by an outstanding six-reel documentary in Technicolor, "Savage Splendour," made during the Armande Denis and Lewis Cotlow Africa Expedition. It is a fascinating kaleidoscope of changing scenes, elephants, lions and original tom-tom ballets.

FRANCO

Portsmouth Beats Strong Charlton Eleven

LONDON, Tuesday (AP). — Playing like champions, Portsmouth whipped the strong Charlton Athletic Team 2-0 on Sunday, and increased their advantage over Arsenal and Manchester United at the top of the First Division of the English Football League.

Centreforward Henderson and Inside-Right Duggie Reid scored the Portsmouth goals in the first half of a rousing game during which Charlton officials announced the death of their Chairman Arthur Gliksten, who, with his brother Sidney, took over control of Charlton a few years ago when the club was doing badly.

Arsenal and Manchester United both drew 2-2 against Wolverhampton Wanderers and F.A. Cupholders Newcastle United respectively.

Results

English League: Division 1: Arsenal 2, Wolverhampton 2; Blackpool 3, Huddersfield 1; Bolton Wanderers 1, Stoke City 1; Liverpool 1, Chelsea 1; Manchester City 3, Sunderland 1; Middlesbrough 2, Preston North End 5; Newcastle United 2, Manchester United 2; West Bromwich Albion 8, Tottenham Hotspur 1.

Division III, North: Bradford 3, Grimsby Town 2; Chester 0, York City 1; Chesterfield 3, Wrexham 0; Crewe Alexandra 4, Gateshead 2; Halifax Town 0, Barrow 1; Lincoln City 2, Bradford City 1; Mansfield Town 3, Workington 2.

Scottish Division "B": Queens Park 2, Albion Rovers 1; St. Johnstone 4, Stenhousemuir 1.

Jerusalem Cinemas

at 6.30 & 8.30

ARNON: You Can't Take It With You.

EDEN: The Magnificent Yankee. Also at 2.

EDISON: Hit Parade of 1951 — (6.30 only).

ORION: Fun and Fancy Free; also Savage Splendor. (10.30; 3; 6.15 & 8.30).

SEMADAR: Tihyah El Houb (Arabic film).

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Haifa	—	—	—	—
Nahariya	66	—	16	18
Lydda Airport	62	4	18	19
Jerusalem	65	4	11	12

*A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday D) Maxim. temp. expected today.

Forecast: Fair, becoming partly cloudy during the day.

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387 immigrants and 223 passengers arrived in the s.s. Negbah at Haifa yesterday. Most of the immigrants were from North Africa, but they included 30 halutzim from Belgium, immigrants from France and Bulgaria, and a group of 100 Youth Aliyah.

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Electric service was cut for 55 subscribers in Jerusalem who used electrical appliances in contravention of public announcements. The Jerusalem Electric Corporation announced that it would impose more severe punishments in the future.

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Mrs. Diya Cohen, 60, of Jaffa was seriously injured when she was knocked down in Jaffa yesterday by a kerosene cart. She was taken to the Jaffa General Hospital and the driver was released on bail.

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A severe shortage of bread was felt in Haifa yesterday. Supply has been short for the past two months. Many residents went to Lydda to buy in stock.

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A Hanukka party was held for the children of Migdal Ascalon ma'barot yesterday by local police headquarters who donated IL.50 worth of toys to the youngsters of ma'barot "A".

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The Mendel brothers, owners of a fish shop in Ramat Gan, were arrested yesterday when they tried to bribe Food Control inspectors who found large quantities of blackmarket chocolate in their apartment during a search. Five 15 and 16-year-old youths who had escaped from the "Ogen" home for delinquent children near Herzlia were caught in a cellar at 7 Shderot Rothschild on Monday night in possession of house-breaking tools, 80 boxes of cigarettes, 82 packets of tea and 25 kilos of sugar, believed stolen.

Coffee and Tea Duty Now 800 pruta per Kilo.

The custom duty on gifts of coffee and tea will henceforth be 800 pruta a kilogram, according to information gazetted on December 17 and published yesterday. The change affects coffee and tea received in gift packages as well as that purchased locally in dollar shops. The former tax on coffee gazetted two months ago was IL.1 a kilogram.

The duty on tea in packages under one kilogram will be 40 per cent of its value, it was stated.

Customs on food packages not containing coffee or tea were not altered, and remain at 100 pruta a kilogram on packages whose composition was authorised by the Food Control Office, and 150 pruta a kilogram on unauthorized packages, but this duty is now extended to include food gifts distributed through the dollar shops.

Flood Disaster Lessons Learned

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Officials of the Tel Aviv Passive Defence Organization (ARP), responsible for the rescue squads in flooded areas here, told The Post today that last week's inundations had taught them that it was essential to lay down a clear policy of responsibility for such work in times of disaster. Lack of a clear definition of duties and responsibilities has led to much wasted effort and loss of time.

"In wartime," Mr. A. Ahituv, an ARP leader, and other officials said, "ARP headquarters are the nerve centre of all emergency and relief organizations, including fire, medical, and transport services, and the police." Emergencies like those of last week-end should have been dealt with in the same manner. There should be one headquarters, and not three — Municipal and ARP, they insisted.

Transport Needed

Several important lessons had been learned, these officials said. Evacuees should not be assembled first, and transport found for them later. It should be on the spot, waiting for them. Telephone communications with "front line bases" were severed, and only radio contact could be maintained. This meant that the ARP organization too needed radio cars. It was also vital that they have stores of necessary rescue equipment.

In the U.S. and Britain, civil defence organizations come under the direct authority of the Defence Ministry. In Israel, it is so far not clear exactly where it belongs. ARP is at present organized by the Army which has, in the light of the past days' experience, assigned two senior officers — in charge of personnel and operations — who will remain permanently at ARP headquarters.

The question of the exact future status and structure of the ARP will again come before the Knesset in the coming weeks, when it is likely that responsibility for the organization will be assigned to one ministry.

WADI MUSRARA LAKE PLAN

Wadi Musrara has already been selected as the site of several artificial lakes in the national water scheme project, the Ministry of Agriculture and Development announced yesterday in Jerusalem in reply to numerous inquiries arising out of the recent floods.

The plan calls for collecting run-off water from the hills which lie to the east, the Ministry stated. In a rainy year the Wadi can store at least 50 m. cubic metres of water, enough to irrigate 50 settlements the size of Nahalal.

The accelerated implementation of this scheme depends on the means that the national water project will have at its disposal, it was said, as well as the agreement of the local council. The construction of the series of dams and artificial lakes is still in the blue-print stage. The lakes would draw off water from the whole area during the winter rains, and serve as irrigation reservoirs during the early part of the summer.

According to the Ministry's timetable, the building of these reservoirs should start in five years, unless the Municipalities which are to benefit from the scheme, are prepared to contribute to the cost of construction.

SUGAR AND DICE

TEL AVIV, Tuesday (ITIM). — Large quantities of apples, sugar and sausage were uncovered by police here today in an illegal gambling den following a complaint lodged by a woman that her husband stayed away from home for hours at a time and lost large sums of money at card playing.

Police searched a cafe pointed out by the woman and found two rooms set aside as a club for dice and cards, with some 50 persons, mainly new immigrants, playing there.

Acquire New Ships; 3 Seamen Charged

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The Israel merchant fleet will grow considerably within the next 30 days, when several ships acquired by Shoham Ltd. and one by the M. Dizengoff Company are put into service.

New crews will be needed; and it is felt here that the end of the seamen's strike has come none too soon. The issue of employing both the veterans and volunteers, it seems, will now resolve itself into one of priority.

The Histadrut Organizing Committee this evening stated that the seamen's intention, as published in several papers, to retain their organization (the 24-man Convention and Secretariat) was contrary to its agreement with them and misleading. The Organizing Committee was the sole representative of the seamen, as a group and as individuals, until elections were held for new representatives.

The Histadrut has appointed Mr. E. Sheri to be secretary of the new seamen's union now being formed, and he has opened his office at the Sailor's Hostel, which was hitherto the strike headquarters.

The crew of the s.s. Bimon has already returned to the vessel, and many former Negbah men will board their ship tomorrow, replacing volunteers.

Released on Bail

Three sailors from the s.s. Tel Aviv, whose crew fought police as they boarded the ship 11 days ago, were arraigned before the Magistrate's Court here today and released on IL.300 bail each.

They are Nahum Klementa, 25, of Jaffa, Yitzhak Bosidan, 24, and Reuven Oren, 24 both of Haifa, who are charged with kidnapping a policeman with intent to imprison him. Bosidan and Oren are also accused of conspiring to attack police who wanted to board the ship.

Xmas in Ma'barot For U.S. Attache

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Mr. William Cole, Attache at the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv, spent a most unusual Christmas Eve last night. He volunteered yesterday afternoon for work in the ma'barot, and placed himself and his car at the disposal of the Jewish Agency.

He spent the night taking an Agency Inspector "on rounds of ma'barot South of Tel Aviv, transporting supplies and helping to move evacuees to drier quarters.

Arrested for Looting Flotsam

TEL AVIV, Tuesday (ITIM). — Five persons were arrested here today for looting, as flood waters washed household effects and other goods out of houses and yards carrying them down the Musrara River.

Two brothers, Ovadia and Shlomo Zerha, and Yehuda Tuviahu, of Jaffa, were released in IL.100 bail each by Magistrate Z. Waldmann after they were charged with stealing timber belonging to Mr. D. Bornstein, while it was floating near the Hatikva Quarter.

Two Jaffa Arabs were arrested while loading household goods onto a cart after taking them out of the water.

Hundreds of sacks of onions, bottles of cognac, empty cases and boat wreckage were washed up on the beach near Migdal Ascalon yesterday and collected by the police, who handed the onions over to the Tnuva store there. The flotsam is believed to have come from Gaza Port during last week's storm.

Writers Appeal Against Nihilism

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Hebrew Writers' Bi-Annual Conference ended here today, after a three-day discussion with a call to stop the trend towards nihilism which was evident in some quarters.

This resolution was an elaboration of the suggestion by Mr. David Shimoni, chairman of the Association, who delivered the opening address. The Conference also called for the organization of all Hebrew writers within a single association.

A resolution protesting against the treatment of Jewish writers in Soviet Russia was passed, as well as an appeal to the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies, to allow the emigration of Jews to Israel. Mr. Moshe Shamir, the author of "He walked Through the Fields," asked that no "political resolution" of this kind be taken at the conference, "in order to enable all writers to remain in the Association." Following a short uproar, however, the resolution was passed by a great majority of those present, with no opposition. Shamir then left the conference.

Hebrew Classics

Other resolutions included recognition of the Government plan to publish the classics of Hebrew literature in 300 volumes. The project was announced at the opening of the conference by Dr. B. Dinaburg, the Minister of Education and Culture. The publication will be undertaken jointly with Mosad Bialik, The Jewish Agency's literary publishing house.

The 13-man committee comprises Zalman Shneour, Avid Shimoni, Asher Barash, Yehuda Burla, Itzhak Lamdan, Nathan Goren, Ya'acov Kahn, Baruch Karoo, Yosef Aricha, Z. B. Michaeli, Zvi Woyeslavsky, Dov Sadan and Yosef Schechter. A 17-man Council was also elected.

Student Elections On Personal Basis

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Election to Student Federation bodies will be on a personal basis, according to faculties, and not, according to party key, it was decided here today at the closing session of the three-day National Students' Convention.

It was also decided to elect a praesidium to lead the student Union instead of a chairman, and to organize the Union in the form of a confederation. The praesidium will consist of three men, one each from Haifa, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

The Convention called for assistance for needy students through scholarships; for an assured supply of technical book; cheap housing for students; and regulation of students' army reserve duty with a minimum of interruption with studies.

Israel Joins New U.N. Science Body

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Tuesday. (UNIS). — Four Middle East countries—Israel, Egypt, Iraq, and Turkey—are among the first eight nations to sign a U.N. convention calling for the establishment of an international computation centre to make use of the science of electric calculations on a world-wide basis.

Plans call for locating the centre in Rome, where the National Research Council's library and documentation facilities will be available. The site was offered by the Italian Government which also will make an interest-free loan of $75,000 for ten years to help establish the centre.

The three main functions of the centre will be research, education and service. Laboratory facilities will be provided for eminent scientists and a research staff to perfect mechanical computation systems. Scholarships will be offered to young research workers, and scientific institutions, industrial firms and scientists of member countries can request the staff to work out intricate calculations for the solutions of scientific and technical problems.

Mechanical computation is a recently developed science that revolves principally around electronic machines. These mechanical calculators are in wide use in the U.S. and are capable of doing hundreds of multiplications a second. The centre is expected to develop an electronic device which might do as much as 2,000 calculations a second.

Over 10,000 Persian Jews to Come in '52

ISTANBUL, Tuesday (INA). — Between 10,000 — 15,000 Jews from Persia are expected to emigrate to Israel via Turkey during the coming year, it is disclosed here.

The Turkish Government is reported as agreeing to organized transport of these refugees across Turkey.

No large groups are expected from Persia until spring, because of weather conditions in Eastern Turkey.

Six Months' Jail For Contractor's Negligence

A Jerusalem contractor was sentenced to six months' imprisonment yesterday by Judge E. Mani for having **caused the death through negligence of two of his workmen.**

Yehia Sliman Hazabi and Haim Selim Levi were employed **in blasting operations in a quarry at Kilometre 18 on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road, on January 18, 1951.**

A Labour Ministry superintendent had warned the contractor, Shmuel Deutch, not to dig at a certain point for fear of a landslide. Nevertheless, the work was continued and several hours later the men were buried alive in a landslide. The defence sought to prove that the labourers had continued to dig without instructions from Deutch.

The District Court released Deutch on IL.800 bail pending appeal before the Supreme Court. *(ITIM)*

Scientist Dies In Mask Test

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — A 27-year-old British scientist, Mr. Michael Goodman, was found dead at his suburban Putney home here today with a rubber breathing mask fastened to his face.

It is believed Mr. Goodman was experimenting with a breathing apparatus, but his father declined to say anything about the experiments. He was employed by British Oxygen Co., Ltd.

De Gaulle Refuses To Talk on Occupation

PARIS, Tuesday (Reuter). — General Charles De Gaulle has refused to give evidence before the French Government's commission investigating events in France between 1933 and 1945 — the period of the German occupation and the events leading up to it.

The Commission said the former leader of Free France had told it "that the work of the commission would necessarily result in a political discussion and not a historical one, and so he did not consider it necessary to take part."

The Commission reported it was having difficulty in compiling a complete report because of the refusal to give evidence and because many witnesses were now abroad.

Adenauer Wants Europe Army for Peace

BONN, Tuesday, (Reuter). — Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, said here today that the first condition for peace was a European defence community.

The Foreign Ministers of France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg would meet in Paris on Thursday to "bring to a temporary conclusion" their work on building a European Army, he said in a Christmas broadcast to the West German people.

"I know that they will think of the Christmas message of peace in their discussions and that they will be moved by the spirit and meaning of the Christmas festival." Adenauer said he was confident for the future. "At Christmas, 1950, the peace of the world was much more in danger than at Christmas, 1951," he stated.

Churchill Not To Urge Big 4 Talks

NEW YORK, Tuesday. — U.S. press reports here, quoting diplomatic sources in Washington, said Mr. Winston Churchill, on his American visit next month, would almost certainly not urge a Big Four meeting at present.

The reports said that the British Prime Minister had been influenced by two considerations in deciding not to press his proposal for a meeting of Western leaders with Marshal Stalin.

The first was President Truman's extreme reluctance to sit down with Mr. Stalin at a time when the U.S. and her allies had not completed rearming and were not in as strong a bargaining position as they might be later.

Sailing Saturday

Russia's uncompromising attitude towards disarmament and other questions affecting world peace was the second consideration, the press reports said.

The third was the opinion, widely spread in upper American spheres that no agreement of any consequence could be negotiated with the U.S.S.R. in the current international climate.

Mr. Churchill plans to sail for New York aboard the Queen Mary on December 29.

(AFP, Reuter)

MINE HURTS NEGEV SCAVENGER

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday. — Avraham Pito, 30, of Ramle, was seriously injured when he stepped on a mine in the Beth Eshel ruins near here today. He was collecting scrap iron.

A driver of a "Yatour" tourist car, which happened to pass by, drove the injured man to the Beersheba Hadassah Hospital.

Cables in Brief

MESSAGE. — King George VI, in his annual Christmas Day message, expressed his disappointment at being unable to participate in next year's Royal Tour through the British Empire.

ACCIDENT. — One British soldier was killed and six seriously injured when an army lorry went off the road in Kowloon, near Hongkong, yesterday.

DISTRESS. — The 2,500-ton Danish steamer Martin Car has run aground near Cape Race, Newfoundland and is leaking.

BIRTHDAY. — Mr. Wilhelm Galacher, leading personality in the British Communist Party, who celebrated his 70th birthday yesterday, received messages of congratulations from Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of the Chinese Communist Party, and other Communist Parties throughout the world.

DELEGATION. — A trade delegation of 280 Chinese businessmen has left Hongkong for Canton to buy South China products.

ENVOY. — The Italian Ambassador to Egypt, Don Renato Prunas, died of heart failure in Cairo yesterday. He was 60 years old and was born in Sardinia.

Mother's Day in Haifa Today

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Tomorrow will be Mother's Day here; and at 122 public meetings organized today by the Municipality, nearly 15,000 persons were told of its meaning.

A special programme of Kol Yisrael this evening opened with an address by Mayor Abba Khoushy. Another feature will be broadcast at 7.15 a.m. tomorrow, with the participation of Miss Hanna Rovina and Mrs. Baba Idelson.

In honour of the event, the new public 51-dunam park on Pine Road near Merkaz Hacarmel, will be named "Gan Ha'em" (Mother's Park), two thousand trees will be planted in it, and a street collection will be held, with proceeds going towards the planting of additional trees.

Schoolchildren prepared hand-made gifts for their mothers and will do mother's housework tomorrow. They will distribute 10,300 free cinema tickets to the city's mothers. Mothers in maternity wards will also receive presents; and every baby born tomorrow will be inscribed in the J.N.F. Children's Book by the Municipality.

Representatives of the Municipality and women's organizations will visit the Mahaneh David ma'barot and the Parents' Home on Mount Carmel and present them with gifts. A [illegible] floor cloths, [illegible] sheets and [illegible] will be on sale in textile shops at a 5 per cent reduction tomorrow. Cosmetics shops will also grant 5-10 per cent rebates.

THE CONFERENCE IN JERUSALEM AND THE TOUR IN HAIFA WILL TAKE PLACE AS ARRANGED

The Public Relations Department of the Ministry of Defence wishes to announce that the conference of representatives of the Jerusalem public to sum up the manoeuvres of the Israel Defence Army, with the participation of Aluf Hapikud, which is scheduled to take place tomorrow, December 27 at Keren Hayesod Hall, will take place as stated on the invitations sent to the participants.

The Tour of Military Training Schools in the Haifa area which was stated on the invitations as taking place tomorrow, December 27, will also take place according to schedule. Those invited to the conference and the tour are requested to arrive punctually.

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STERLING AREA TO CUT IMPORTS

By SUSAN STRANGE

LONDON. — AT the Commonwealth Finance Ministers' conference in London on January 15 Britain will ask the other members to follow her example and cut down on all imports from Europe and on any purchases abroad for stockpiles of food and raw materials.

If they do not steel themselves to do this, Mr. R. A. Butler, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, will tell them, the gold and dollar reserves of the sterling area are liable to sink to the dangerously low level of £1,600 million, by next September, half the amount — some £3,269 million — of last September. If that happened, confidence in the value of sterling might fall so low in the world at large that there would be no alternative but for Britain to devalue the pound again — not, this time, in the hope that it would boost exports and save the situation, but because, quite simply, there would be nothing else to do.

The British Chancellor's main appeal will be to India, Pakistan, South Africa and New Zealand. Canada, being outside the sterling area, is not involved, and Australia has already embarked on a drastic new policy of economic disinflation.

Mr. Butler will be careful to point out that his appeal is not an appeal to bail out Britain. This time it is not only Britain who has a dollar deficit. It is the whole sterling area which is in debt, not only to dollar countries but to the world at large. And if the complex machinery of the sterling area were to crack up, it would not only be Britain who would suffer.

At the last Finance Ministers' conference of this kind, in July, 1949, Commonwealth countries agreed with Sir Stafford Cripps to cut their dollar imports by roughly 25 per cent. Since then, following the dearness of dollar imports after devaluation and the impact of the Korean War, little remains of these cuts. Britain, however, will argue that she at least has done more than most to keep to them; and that though the total cost of her dollar imports has edged upwards, the volume has been held down. The only exception made by Britain has been for wheat and other staple foods and raw materials needed to build up strategic stockpiles. Even these, under Mr. Butler's direction, have now been stopped. Of the £350 million a year which he hopes to save by import cuts, at least as much is expected to come from slowing down British buying for the stockpiles as from restricting imports on private account from Europe.

Although it is always hard for the British Government, in dealing with the Commonwealth, to make any suggestion which looks like handing out unsought advice on how other members should run their own countries, Mr. Butler will undoubtedly point out that any import cuts will be useless if they are not followed by drastic measures against inflation at home. By cutting off supplies of goods from abroad, the pressure of demand on the home market only becomes worse; prices rise still further and exporters are handicapped in competition with other countries by steeply rising costs of production. Judging by his own actions, Mr. Butler will advise the Finance Ministers to restrict credit at home — particularly by raising the Bank rate — in order to choke off unnecessary investment in industry.

Less from Europe

The November returns of the European Payments Union, due out in a few days' time, are expected to give point to Britain's appeal to the Commonwealth to buy less from Europe. The sterling account with EPU is expected to show a further deficit, and more gold will have to be paid in to the Union from the sterling area reserves. This deficit is emphatically not only of Britain's making. High prices for Commonwealth imports have been roughly unchanged. Some of these imports are of machinery and other development goods, but many are of European 'luxuries' and consumer goods — the equivalent of tinned French hams which Britain has now stopped buying.

Official circles in London are not unhopeful that the Finance Ministers will manage to reach agreement. Between them, they have to save only some £300 to £400 million a year, and this is only a fraction of the total sterling area trade with the outside world. Secondly, the threat to the unity of the sterling area which seemed so serious in the first half of this year when Commonwealth sterling balances in London were rising so rapidly, now seems much less grave. The Australians, for example, have recently been using up their swollen balances at a rate of about £100 million a month. The temptation they once felt to sever their financial links with Britain is now much weaker.

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TALKS WITH GERMANY

OVER nine months have passed since Israel first formulated her claim to compensation from Germany in Notes addressed to the four Occupying Powers. While nothing could possibly atone for the inhuman crimes committed by Germans under the Nazi regime, Germany is under strong moral compulsion at least to make good to Israel the vast expenditure incurred in the resettlement and rehabilitation of the half-million survivors of Nazi persecution who have found new homes here.

Since this claim for $1,500m. was put forward, a number of developments have occurred. Significant has been the silence of the East German Government and of the Soviet Union. By contrast, the Bonn Government, through its Chancellor, made an important statement of policy on September 27, acknowledging the fact that unspeakable crimes were committed in the name of the German people, and that these crimes impose upon that people an obligation to make compensation. Dr. Adenauer added that his Government was willing to conduct negotiations with Israel and with representatives of the Jewish people with a view to reaching agreement on the discharge of this obligation.

About the same time, a conference of Jewish organizations, representing all the main Jewish communities outside Eastern Europe, met in New York and unanimously declared its support of Israel's demand for compensation. The Governments of the United States, Great Britain and France are sympathetic in principle to Israel's claim, though they regard it essentially as a matter which in practice must be settled between Israel and Germany direct.

The views of those who strongly oppose direct dealings of any kind with Germans or with a German Government are indeed respected. It is, however, less easy to understand why they, or most of them, would apparently be willing to accept compensation from Germany if the matter were negotiated through a third party—such as the Occupying Powers to whom Israel in the first place, quite properly, addressed herself. Their view is, at best, unrealistic, for it has become clear beyond any manner of doubt that nothing can be attained if Israel does not negotiate with the German Federal Government direct. Nor is there any reason why she should refuse to do so. A creditor may deal legitimately with his debtor without feeling or implying any sympathy with him. Negotiations between Israel and Germany do not imply political relations between the two countries; they simply represent the only way of securing for Israel what nobody has even denied is her moral due. It would be contrary to common sense and Biblical precept alike to leave in the hands of the Germans the possessions they despoiled from their Jewish victims.

Mr. Eban put the matter forcefully and succinctly at his press conference this week. Israel, he said, would have to choose between taking the initiative and letting the matter die from inaction. The German Federal Government has publicly stated its readiness to enter into negotiations. The next move is up to Israel. If the Israel Government considers the claim it put forward in March as well-founded, as it certainly does, it now has no alternative but to take up Dr. Adenauer's offer and begin negotiations. If it should fail to do so, it would be taking upon itself a grave responsibility towards future generations, which would certainly not forgive it for inaction that must lead to the continued enjoyment by Germans of their ill-gotten gains and the denial to Israel of financial and material resources which it would be quixotic to sacrifice.

CHRISTMAS PILGRIMS CROSS LINES AT JERUSALEM

Mandelbaum Square, the small section of no-man's-land at the crossing point between Old and New Jerusalem, was a crowded thoroughfare on Monday, when 1,500 Christian pilgrims, mostly Israelis, assembled for the traditional Christmas pilgrimage to Bethlehem. The Arab Legion check point can be seen at right. POST Photo

Backyard Business Booms

By MONTY JACOBS

LIKE page-boy bobs and the once new look, there is a definite development style sweeping Israel's boom towns. Nathanya, for instance, which seems to be infiltrating right into Tel Aviv's backyard, has announced a new industrial zone on the main road that leads south to the Yarkon River. In that new area, the Israel Brewing Company recently broke first soil. Hadera has got the itch as well with the Solel Boneh tyre plant and a number of other factories providing enough wall space to justify the big bold sign, "Industrial Zone of Hadera."

Even Yokneam, solid little agricultural village in the north, has become entitled to display the insignia of industrial activity. Thanks to its next-door *ma'abara*, Yokneam has sprouted its first production line with sufficient verve —if not the staff—to indicate a possible challenge in the race for business. Just on the edge of the temporary tin town, the village's first industry has gone into action—a tiny cement block plant employing two men.

The plant has been set up by a recent arrival from Rumania, who, with his family, resides in one of the tin shacks. He was not around when I called, but a tall, grey-bearded man who introduced himself as Usher Spitzer, the proprietor's father, came over to talk to me.

Mr. Spitzer senior, 75, stated that they had not sold any blocks yet because they had just started manufacturing. He was merely supervising while his son was away. Mr. Spitzer, who seemed to know very little about the operation, added that his main responsibility was to supervise the two Arab labourers who claimed to be expert block makers.

"Where's my son?" Mr. Spitzer said. "Oh, he's out... looking for business."

Spirit of Enterprise

THE spirit of enterprise shown by the Spitzers is being emulated by the Gimmels, man and wife, who are doing something original in the kiosk line. Mr. and Mrs. Gimmel—they prefer a pseudonym—own a kiosk set far back from any main road on a sandy track that winds through Bnei Brak's factory area. Almost always Mrs. Gimmel may be found running the business in precisely the same manner as hundreds of other kiosk owners—splattering gazoz around rather than in glasses, sploshing cigarettes and matches onto a juice-coated counter. In Mr. Gimmel's regular absence lies the key to their initiative.

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With a recently acquired tricycle, he circulates among the nearby factories, selling cigarettes, gazoz and matches to workers, occasionally receiving a commission to provide cakes and juice for a party, going down to the tracks to service the railroad men.

"We started by carrying a few bottles at a time," Mrs. Gimmel explained, endeavouring to mop the counter with a non-absorbent rag. "Then we invested in the tricycle. It's hard. There's so little to sell—who wants such cakes? Still we hope there'll be more factories built around here."

The Gimmels have their finger on the country's industrial pulse. If shortage of materials forces a factory to suspend workers, they know it by their returns; if local industry perks up, they plan further expansion—a petrol motor for the tricycle, to help Mr. Gimmel negotiate the soft, rutted tracks.

Horsepower

ELIAHU, the blacksmith, is more interested in real, pure horsepower than in petrol engines. His shed is set back off the main Petah Tikva road near Hakirya and there was a two-mule wagon outside the place when I came along.

A burly teamster and a slighter, obviously nervous assistant, were hanging grimly onto either end of the mule that was being fitted for her winter footwear.

Taking care of the front feet, I saw, is comparatively easy—noose the legs and fold them back, hitching the rope to the harness collar. The wicked rear legs, with their sudden, bone-breaking lunges are the difficult ones.

While the teamster patted and stroked the mule's neck, his assistant, standing as far away as possible, held on to a length of rope which kept the animal's right foot bent back sufficiently to enable the blacksmith to work. At the first blow of the hoof-paring chisel, the mule lashed out and the assistant, untouched but thoroughly scared, automatically rolled over in the dirt. The smith bawled at him to hold tight. He held, and with a few swift blows on six iron nails, the rear shoe was fastened on.

With the sweat oozing down his back, the smith (I've called him Eliahu for he is too shy to allow his name in print) said that he tended eight or nine animals a day.

Chisel Chiropody

Four shoes cost IL.2.400 — that includes expert cold chisel chiropody. Eliahu said that the price may not seem high compared to shoes for humans, but there is a snag. "Some horses or mules may have to be shod every six weeks. Look at the horse over there. She was here a month ago... and now again. That's because she's working on hard roads. But you take a farm horse, or maybe a mule that works on building — hauling cement for instance — why, on soft ground they go much longer before needing new shoes."

Eliahu does not fear lack of trade but, like the men in bigger business, he is concerned about raw materials.

"Who knows?" he said. "Maybe there won't be enough metal for all the shoes and all the wheels I have to mend. Sometimes I worry about it."

Maybe, I suggested, horse shoes would also be rationed. Eliahu burst into laughter at this remark, then his mirth trailed off.

"Don't say that..." he pleaded, "maybe they'll take you seriously."

MUSICAL DIARY

THE concert of the guitarist Andres Segovia at the Ohel Shem on Saturday was a wonderful experience. Never before has such close contact with the audience been achieved in this hall; and the lonely player on the stage held the fascinated attention of all for more than two hours. Only after many encores did the listener become aware of some sense of monotony, which would be there after hearing any solo instrument played for over two hours.

The evening was rewarding not only for the great artistry of the player, but also as it demonstrated the many possibilities of the guitar, and introduced the works of some lesser-known classical composers. The first two pieces of the programme were a Fantasia and Pavana written for the vihuela, a predecessor to the guitar, by the Spaniard L. Milan in the middle of the 16th century; and a Canzone and Villanela, composed for the lute at about the same time by V. Galilei (the father of the great physicist). These were fine examples of a most delicate and tender form of music. A lovely Sonatina, written for the guitar by M. Giuliani (1788-1828) in the style of Mozart, followed. It was hard to believe that such a variety of colour and sound could be produced by this instrument. Its sound resembles that of the harpsichord, but it had more warmth and sonority. In fact, not only does Segovia pluck the strings of his instrument, but he also seems to touch them with three or four fingers of his right hand as though playing the keyboard of the harpsichord. The effect gives a deep and aesthetic satisfaction.

In the second part of the programme, Segovia played a Bach suite, originally written for the lute, and an intriguing Ricercare by Castelnuovo-Tedesco. Only the last three pieces could perhaps be called light music: two charming folklore studies by Villa Lobos and dances by Granados and Albeniz.

Andreas Weissgerber

It was a great loss to all music-lovers in this country when Andreas Weissgerber, one of the first violinists of the Palestine Philharmonic Orchestra, died in Tel Aviv on December 28, 1941, two weeks before reaching the age of 42. Weissgerber was born in Volo, Greece, received his first violin lessons from his father at the age of four and gave his first concert in Smyrna when he was only six. He studied later in Athens and Budapest, toured all of Europe and was soon recognized to be an artist of rare distinction. His art and his personal charm inspired artists like Slevogt, Orlik, Corinth and Liebermann to paint portraits, Thomas Mann to write a short story—"The Infant Prodigy." In 1933, Andreas Weissgerber, together with his brother Joseph, the cellist, settled in Palestine. Both were among the initiators of the Palestine Orchestra, the forerunner of the Huberman Orchestra. On January 2, at 10.30 p.m., Kol Israel will broadcast a concert in his memory.

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Students' Concert ..

A good standard was shown at the Students' Concert of the Israel Academy of Music at the Y.M.C.A. on Thursday. A fine sense of touch was displayed by Ruth Hefetz in works by Byrd and Bach. Ora Rotenberg showed feeling in her playing of Brahms and Ben-Haim, Nelly Zachaczewska was outstanding in Schumann's Sonata in G-minor op. 22, once more proving her understanding of Romantic music. Istvan Vero showed great talent with his treatment of Mendelssohn's Variations Serieuses.

The singing of Eliahu Balva (baritone) still needs some polish, Sana Lipiec (soprano), singing arias by Tchaikovsky and Ponchielli, shows plenty of promise. Sarah Lash (mezzo-soprano) demonstrated an attractive quality with Moussorgsky's "Songs and Dances of Death." J. Tal and Yohanan Zarai accompanied at the piano.

FRANGO

Haifa Chamber Music

A programme to cheer up our spirits in these cold and rainy days was offered by the Haifa Chamber Music Society in Beth Harofe on Saturday. There was an expressive rendering of Hindemith's Sonata for Horn and Piano (composed in 1939) by the pianist Moshe Lustig and the horn player, Wolfgang Levy, who excelled in the lyric mood of the second movement. Then followed Stravinsky's Divertimento for Violin and Piano. Most of the credit for the inspired playing of this work goes to the violinist Sasha Parnes, who supported the beautiful and moving effects with masterly technique and an unerring instinct not to overplay his partner. The closing Brahms Trio for Violin, Horn and Piano in E-flat major op. 40, with its lovely haunting themes, was enthusiastically received by a delighted audience, who may not have felt quite at home with more modern music.

G.W.-B.

Readers' Letters

QUEUE CRASHERS

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — Nothing will abolish Israel's long, irritating queues at cinemas, shops or transportation centres overnight. But it is within the realm of practicability to reduce the disorderliness and consequent wear and tear on nerves in certain principle queues.

The huge, jostling line at the Tel Aviv Central Bus Station awaiting Egged buses to Jerusalem could be made more orderly if unsportsmanlike encroachers were prevented from "crashing." This requires the supervision of one policeman or bus employee. All that need be done is for the supervisor to write a number on each passenger's ticket as he joins the queue.

No passenger without a number should be allowed to enter the bus. This measure will prevent "crashing," the "sneaking in" of endless friends and the claim of those who "were there" before but have gone off for coffee, etc.

This system can easily be applied to other similar situations.

Yours, etc.,
Dr. LESTER MECKLER
Jerusalem, December 10

FAIR PLAY

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — I have witnessed a number of international soccer matches in Israel between the home team and our visitors, and the most striking fact is the poor sportsmanship of the Israel soccer audience.

Recently Malmo netted 5 times but there were hardly a dozen hands clapped or a cheer given by the 18,000 spectators. This was the rule at every match—Hull City, Dundee, All Stars, Swiss and Swedish teams.

I appeal to the sporting public to play the game, and cheer both sides—win or lose—for this is the spirit of the game.

Yours etc.,
EDMUND H. DAVID
Givat Rambam, Dec. 9.

REGISTRATION

has started for the new term commencing on January 1, 1952, at the RADIMA School, 74 Rehov Ben Yehuda, Tel Aviv. New Hebrew courses will be opened for beginners and advanced, in the morning and evening hours, comprising study of the colloquial language, reading, writing, conversation and grammar.

Instruction will be in small groups by experienced teachers, introducing the school's quick-learning method.

Number of vacancies is limited and early registration advisable.

Registration will be closed on December 31, 1951.

Information at the office between 9 a.m. — 12 noon, 4—7 p.m. (except on Fridays).

(Advt.)

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